

AN ORDINANCE **99261**

AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY CODE, TITLED "ELECTRICITY", DEFERRING ALL NEW TESTING AND NEW LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS TO THE STATE LICENSE PROVISIONS; ESTABLISHING A \$75 ANNUAL FEE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CITY'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR REGISTRATION OF A STATE-ISSUED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE OR ELECTRICAL SIGN CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE.

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WHEREAS, for over fifty years the City of San Antonio has been testing and licensing all electricians doing business within the City as no state regulations for such testing and licensing existed;

WHEREAS, House Bill 1487, passed by the 78th session Texas Legislature established state licensing regulations for electricians and electrical contractors effective September 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio desires to defer all such testing and licensing to the state, and

WHEREAS, the city will require registration of state electrical contractors' licenses and state electrical sign contractor's licenses for which the fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75) will be required before granting permits for work under those licenses; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Sections 10-164 and 10-165 of the City Code are hereby enacted as follows:

Sec. 10-164. Effect of State Licensing.

(a) Upon the state's enforcement of House Bill 1487, passed by the 78th session Texas Legislature, establishing the state licensing of electricians:

(1) the sections of the city code regarding licensing of electricians through testing administer by the City of San Antonio no longer will be applied; and

(2) the city will continue to renew those electrical licenses already in existence but shall not issue any new licenses.

(b) All provisions and regulations of this chapter referencing a license issued by the city also shall cover a license issued by the state except as provided in (a) above.

Sec. 10-165. State licensed Electrical Contractors and Electrical Sign Contractors to register with the City.

(a) Electrical contractors and electrical sign contractors licensed by the state shall register with the city before performing any work under such licenses as may be regulated or covered by this chapter.

(b) The annual fee to register with the city an electrical contractor's or electrical sign contractor's license issued by the state shall be as stated in the Fee Schedule of the Development Services Department.

SECTION 2. The fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75) is hereby established for the registration of all state-issued electrical contractors' licenses or electrical sign contractors' licenses. This fee shall be noted in the Fee Schedule of the Development Services Department in the Licenses and Exams category.

SECTION 3. Should any Article, Section, Part, Paragraph, Sentence, Phrase, Clause, or Word of this ordinance, or any appendix thereof, for any reason, be held illegal, inoperative, or invalid or if any exception to or limitation upon any general provision herein contained be held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective, the remainder shall, nevertheless, stand effective and valid as if it had been enacted and ordained without the portion held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective.

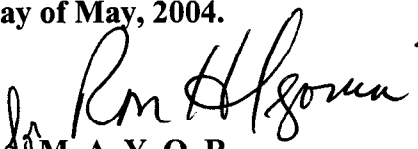

SECTION 4. No other provision of the City Code is amended hereby. All other provisions shall remain in effect. All existing city-issued electrical licenses may continue to be renewed in accordance with the City Code if the license holder so wishes.

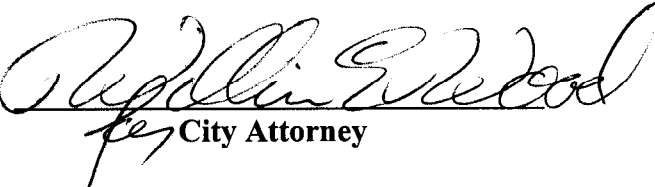
SECTION 5. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this ordinance, was given, all as required by Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated as amended Title 5, Chapter 551, Government Code.

SECTION 6. The publishers of the City Code are authorized to amend and format said Codes to reflect the changes adopted herein.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall become effective June 6, 2004.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of May, 2004.


MAYOR
ATTEST:  EDWARD D. GARZA
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
City Attorney